

Anne would pass in 1996, and Bill would later retire from Packard. A few years later, Bill would be reenergized when he remarried Arlene Boyle (McNicholas), and Bill would welcome her children as his own. The two would spend many summers enjoying the Poconos at her cottage on Long Lake.

To carry on Bill's memory he leaves behind his brother Robert Flynn of Centerville, VA, a son William Flynn, III (Mariella Frajia) of Warren, OH, a daughter Tara Breuer (Herm) of Warren, OH, stepchildren Jennifer Beck (Frank) of Poland, OH, Jacqueline Boyle (Tim Lanza) of Columbus, OH, Terri Boyle of Calabash, NC, John Boyle (Patty) of Springfield, NJ, Arlene Ferraro (Todd) of Bradfordwoods, PA, granddaughters Bailey Breuer, Emily Breuer, stepgrandchildren Simone Boyle, Sophia Lanza, Lauren Hinkle, Tim Beck, Tom Beck, Elizabeth Criscione, Christopher Boyle, Tavish Boyle, Blair Boyle, Cagney Boyle, Dillon Grace Ferraro, Chase Ferraro and Jack Ferraro and three great grandchildren, many in-laws, nieces and nephews and cousins. Through research it was determined that Bill was the "Greatest Grandpa Ever" this was verified by a T-Shirt and a coffee mug.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Geraldine Flynn, his wife Anne, and his second wife Arlene.

OBSERVING THE PASSING OF BRUCE MACDONALD

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of dedicated community leader, Bruce MacDonald of New London, Connecticut. Mr. MacDonald, a devoted husband and father, passed away at the age of 78 on June 1, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born just down the road from New London in Westerly, Rhode Island, in 1943 to Lemuel and Margaret MacDonald, Bruce was raised in a household that placed value on community service. Eager to understand and experience the larger world and serve his country, he enlisted in the Army before even graduating high school.

Upon the conclusion of his service, Bruce returned home to Rhode Island and enrolled at Johnson Wales College earning an associates degree. An easygoing, curious man at heart, he found his true calling as a news reporter. As someone who was never known to take the larger picture for granted, Bruce had a passion for advocating for the most disadvantaged. As a newsman, this meant that he became quickly known for disseminating a broader perspective and a sense of empathy amongst the public, crafting thoughtful, enlightening stories about groups of people living through hardship. A powerful, friendly voice for the powerless, Bruce took on career roles at several radio stations in Westerly, Rhode Island; Norwich, Connecticut; and Hartford, Connecticut before becoming an influential voice in newspapers, including *The Norwich Bulletin*, *Groton News*, *The Day of New London* and *USA Today*. His prodigious work and ubiquitous presence, made him a well-known, trusted media personality in much of South-eastern New England.

A man of adventure, Bruce still had a strong appreciation for the fundamentals of life. While reporting for *The Day* newspaper, Bruce met a colleague who would become the love of his life, Gail Braccidiferno. They married in Gail's getaway state, Vermont, in 1986, and soon after were grateful to bring a daughter, Cara, into the world. Family in hand, multiple worlds of opportunity collided for Bruce at that point in his life, as they then traveled to and lived outside of Washington, D.C., for a short stint while he worked on the World Wise Schools project for the US Peace Corps. While an exciting opportunity for Bruce, this was of course just one of many worldly-travel experiences for the family. Upon their return to Connecticut, Bruce transitioned to a new career in public media relations for community stakeholders within the region, first the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and then the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce.

Through both the nurturing of his family and informing the public, the capacity of Bruce's devoted nature was seemingly endless. There are further examples of Bruce's dedication, however, which existed through service to his community. From an early age, this included volunteering for the ambulance corps and Civil Air Patrol and running for local offices in his hometown. This penchant for community service followed him for the entirety of his life and throughout much of southeastern Connecticut—in both the coastal towns of Stonington and New London in which he lived, he was known for his active involvement in both communities and the region as a whole. In New London, his longtime adopted home, he was locally known to have volunteered at the Homeless Hospitality Center, served as a board member of the Thames River Heritage Park Foundation, a representative on the Eastern Connecticut Tourism Board, an organizer of the Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival and an active member of the New London Rotary Club. The list goes on and on. Even into his final years as he charged into a battle with cancer, he served his hometown of New London undeterred as Secretary to the local Town Committee.

Madam Speaker, though we mourn his loss, the brightness that Bruce emulated into our lives will not part from us easily. Hardships were never able to defeat his unyielding optimism or his dedication to his community. And so, in an equal amount of respect toward Bruce and what his life meant for the town, we will not be overcome by the hardship that is his loss. His lasting impact will be remembered by thousands—particularly his surviving family, namely, his wife Gail and daughter, Cara, of Middletown, Connecticut, who lovingly stayed by his side during his illness. I had the honor and privilege to hire Cara in my congressional office for a number of years, and through her, got a chance to know Bruce in his role as a parent and a keen advisor on issues of the day. He was beloved by my entire staff over the 16 years I have served in congress. While his legacy will not soon be forgotten, it is most proper that we extend his memory as a prime example of service to one's community and country. To that end, I ask that this chamber joins me in observing the passing of Bruce MacDonald, further setting his name and character into the permanence of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine S. 1345, to establish a national mercury monitoring program, S. 2476, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a pilot program for hyperlocal air quality monitoring projects in environmental justice communities, and an original bill entitled, "Public Health Air Quality Act".

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dean R. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Nepal, Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, Yohannes Abraham, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of South-east Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Richard Lee Bungan, of California, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, and Marie C. Damour, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, all of the Department of State.

SD-419/VTC

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reproductive care in a post-Roe America, focusing on barriers, challenges, and threats to women's health.

SH-216

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Roopali H. Desai, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Doris L. Pryor, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Maria del R. Antongiorgi-Jordan, Gina R. Mendez-Miro, and Camille L. Velez-Rive, all of Puerto Rico, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Energy

To hold hearings to examine pathways to lower energy prices in the United States.

SD-366

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Roselyn Tso, of Oregon, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration's Office of Disaster Assistance.

SR-428A

2:45 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 3372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida, S. 3548, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with tinnitus or hearing loss, S. 3606, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the requirement to specify an effective period of transfer of Post-9/11 educational assistance to a dependent, S. 3994, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to repay the estates of deceased beneficiaries for certain benefits paid by the Secretary and misused by fiduciaries of such beneficiaries, S. 4141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the

Department of Veterans Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States, S. 4208, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the appraisal requirements for certain loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 4223, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2022, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 4308, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the definition of spouse and surviving spouse to include all individuals lawfully married, S. 4319, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to regularly promote programs under chapter 31 of such title, S. 4458, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines whether an educational institution meets requirements relating to the percentage of students who receive educational assistance furnished by the Secretary, an original bill entitled, "Native American Direct Loan Improvement Act", an original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to address the operation and maintenance of veterans' cemeteries on trust land owned by, or held in trust for, tribal organizations, and an original bill entitled, "No Bonuses For Bad Exams Act".

SR-418

JULY 14

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Florence Y. Pan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Elizabeth Wilson Hanes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Ana C. Reyes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Carlton W. Reeves, of Mississippi, to be a Member, and to be Chair, and Laura E. Mate, of Iowa, Claire McCusker Murray, of Maryland, Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, Claria Horn Boom, of Kentucky, John Gleeson, of New York, and Candice C. Wong, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member, all of the United States Sentencing Commission, and

Carlos Felipe Uriarte, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Adair Ford Boroughs, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina, and Enix Smith III, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana, all of the Department of Justice.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Industry and Security, focusing on advancing national security and foreign policy through export controls.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Donald R. Cravins, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Minority Business Development, and Susie Feliz, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce.

SR-253

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine protecting the homeland from unmanned aircraft systems.

SD-342

JULY 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine addressing weapons of mass destruction and health security threats to the homeland.

SD-342

JULY 20

11 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-406

POSTPONEMENTS

JULY 13

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SVC-217